

MAY DAY AND AFTER

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"...Hilites..May Day Parade.

....Wide speculation caused by fact that Vershinin was 55 minutes late and entered upper deck only at very end of military portion of parade. Immediately after arrival he held series of seemingly very urgent and serious conversations. First to consult with him was Viryoxov, head of PVO. Next came Moskaenko accompanied by two others. Then ~~Vershinin~~ Admiral Gorshkov, head of Navy. Next was Xakharov. Following this Vershinin went to head of line and consulted urgently for 10 minutes with Malinovskiy following which he came back to the right end of the line and continued serious conversation pulling papers out of his pocket and accompanied with repeated gestures. Speculations included 1) that some spectacular event either succeeded or failed but was of sufficient importance to keep Vershinin away from ceremonies, 2) that PVO forces may have shot down unfriendly aircraft. 3) In contrast with past parades there was between five and ten minutes delay after military portion finished and before happy workers started across square. In meantime square totally empty. This could have indicated possible scheduled fly by which failed to materialize. Air personalities present on Mausoleum in addition to Vershinin included Krasovskiy, Sudets, and Rudenko.

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"The U-2 aircraft was on a weather mission originating at Adana, Turkey. Purpose was study of clear air turbulence. During flight in SE Turkey, pilot reported he had oxygen difficulties. This last word heard at 0700Z over emergency frequency. U-2 aircraft did not land Adana as planned and it can only be assumed is now down. A search effort is under way in the Lake Van area. Pilot's name being withheld pending notification of next of kin."

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